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    (1)   Office Action dated September 11, 2007

          from the corresponding Japanese Application;

    (2)   English Translation of (1);

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(4) PTO Form SB/08A cited in the reference cited
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The Examiner should note that Japanese Application No. 2001-229248 claims priority of JP 2000-228793, which is also the priority for U.S. Patent No. 6,569,589, which has also been cited in the PTO SB/08A form.

Finally, in accordance with Rule 97(c), the following statement under paragraph 97(e) is made:

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